

WEST LAFAYETTE TRAFFIC COMMISSION
WEST LAFAYETTE CITY BUILDING
WEST LAFAYETTE, INDIANA

TIME: 5:00 pm, Wednesday, August 20, 2008

PLACE: Lower Level Conference Room

PRESENT:	Mayor John Dennis	David Downey
	Dave Buck	Chris Pekny
	Vicki Burch	Kumares Sinha
	Eric Burns	Boudewijn van Gelder

VISITORS:	Beth Cook	Karen O'Farrell
	Jason Dombkowski	Tim Potts
	Wendy Field	

Chairman Sinha called the meeting to order and determined there was not a quorum. Agenda items and discussions will be carried forward to the next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

08-06 Proposed Changes to City Code Sections 41.09 and 41.10

Upon the recommendation of the Traffic Commission, the city attorney presented an ordinance to the city council in July to update City Code Sections 41.09 and 41.10. Chairman Sinha stated the proposed changes to city code were intended to make the Commission more effective and more citizen-based. An amended ordinance was proposed at the August meeting and tabled until the September meeting.

After discussion, it was the consensus of the members present that the following recommendations be made: five additional representatives will be added; the Purdue Police Chief or designee, one (1) Tippecanoe County School Corporation representative, two (2) at-large citizen representatives and one (1) additional business person as recommended by the Lafayette/West Lafayette Chamber of Commerce. The mayor will make citizen appointments, and all representatives will have voting privileges. A quorum will be ten (10) representatives. The city attorney will no longer be a representative of the Commission.

08-07 Review Speed Limits on City's North End

Mr. Buck stated that his office has completed several speed counts along Kalberer Road and are ready to submit a work order to change the speed limit on Kalberer. Currently, Kalberer is 40mph from Morehouse to Salisbury and 30mph between Salisbury and Soldiers Home. Mr. Buck recommended a speed limit of 35mph along the entire length of Kalberer, making the speed limit uniform from Morehouse to Soldiers Home. The 85th percentile speed was approximately 44mph. Mr. Buck stated that he could justify a 40mph speed limit based on the 85th percentile speeds, but felt more comfortable with a 35mph speed at this time.

08-12 Russell/Waldron/University Island

Mr. Buck stated that his office is continuing to gather information in the "island" area. Speed counts taken along Russell show that the 85th percentile speed is approximately 29mph-34mph. There are three travel lanes, two parallel parking lanes and a lot of pedestrians. The Purdue police have requested that the speed limit in this area be reduced to 20mph.

NEW BUSINESS:

08-14 Neighborhood Parking Permit Program

405, 409 and 425 Littleton Street have filed a petition to join Zone 1 of the NPP program. Owners of all three affected properties have signed the petition.

West Lafayette Judge Lori Sabel has made a request that the Commission revise the expiration date of the annual NPP permits. The current September 1st to August 31st program dates are difficult to match with August to August leases. Mr. Buck suggested an August 31st expiration date with new permits being issued beginning August 1st. The entire month of August would then become an overlap period.

The Luke Short family has requested that the east side of Allen Street, between Stadium and Evergreen, be added into Zone 2 of the NPP program. Mr. Short stated that he has no long-term parking in front of his house, and his short driveway makes it difficult to park his vehicle for an extended period of time.

NEXT MEETING: 5:00 pm, Wednesday, September 17, 2008.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D.M. Buck".

David M. Buck, P.E.
City Engineer

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